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SUBJECT: DANISH LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER DEVELOPMENTS

REF A. OSLO 5339 B. COPENHAGEN 3119

1. DENMARK'S DEFENSE MINISTER ERLING BRONDUM WAS QUOTED IN BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) AS DENYING ON DECEMBER 9 IN BRUSSELS THAT THE FOUR COUNTRIES OF THE LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER CONSORTIUM HAD ALREADY MADE A DECISION TO BUY AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. BRONDUM, WHO WAS IN BRUSSELS FOR A MEETING OF THE NATO EUROGROUP, WAS COMMENTING ON STATEMENTS MADE IN THE NORWEGIAN PRESS (REF A) THAT THREE COUNTRIES OF THE CONSORTIUM - NORWAY, DENMARK AND THE NETHERLANDS - HAD DECIDED ON THE AMERICAN YF-16. HE WAS FURTHER QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE CHANCE STILL EXISTS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM MAY CHOOSE TO GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.

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2. BRONDUM STRESSED THAT THE DANES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO

MAKE ANY DECISION ON THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION SET FOR JAN 9. HE NOTED THAT, IN ADDITION, NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE PROLONGED AND THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE VARIOUS FOLKETING (PARLIAMENTARY) COMMITTEES MUST BE OBTAINED. HE REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED: "DENMARK HAS PLENTY OF TIME IN WHICH TO MAKE A DECISION; NO TIME LIMIT HAS BEEN FIXED."

3. BERLINGSKE CITED BELGIAN SOURCES AS EXPRESSING THEIR IRRITATION THAT "ONCE AGAIN THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE CONSORTIUM MUST WAIT FOR DENMARK." THE BELGIANS HAD HOPED FOR A DECISION NEXT MONTH ON PROCUREMENT, HOPEFULLY BEFORE JANUARY 15.

4. DURING SWEDISH PRIMIN OLOF PALME'S ONE-DAY VISIT TO COPENHAGEN SATURDAY, DEC 7, DANISH PRIMIN HARTLING WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD HIM THAT THE QUESTION OF THE LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER PURCHASE WAS NOT A CURRENT DANISH POLITICAL ISSUE. "WE SHALL HAVE TO BUY PLANES IN THE 1980'S, AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WILL BUY, BELGIUMN, NORWAY AND THE NETHERLANDS, HAVE TO DECIDE BEFORE WE DO. INVESTIGATIONS STILL GO ON REGARDING THE TYPE OF PLANE TO BE BOUGHT."

5. COMMENT: BRONDUM'S ASSERTION THAT A DANISH PURCHASE DECISION WILL BE DELAYED REFLECTS CURRENT INTERNAL POLITICAL REALITIES. IT IS DIFFICULT, ON THE OTHER HAND, TO CREDIT HIS BELIEF - AND THAT IMPLIED BY HARTLING - THAT "NO TIME LIMIT HAS BEEN FIXED" FOR A DANISH DECISION. OFFSET AND DELIVERY SCHEDULES REQUIRE SUCH A TIME LIMIT. AND THIS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO THE GOVERNMENT (REF B). DUNNIGAN

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